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TO AMEMBASSY PANAMA IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO PRESS QUERY

1. DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN WAS ASKED AT JULY 15 NOON BRIEFING WHAT HE KNEW OF A REPORT FROM PANAMA THAT AMERICAN PLANES VIOLATED PANAMANIAN AIR SPACE AND FIRED ON SOME NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS. SPOKESMAN REPLIED HE WAS AWARE ONLY OF THE REPORT AND WOULD TRY TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT IT LATER IN THE DAY. FOLLOWING RESPONSE

WAS SUBSEQUENTLY MADE AVAILABLE TO PRESS REPRESENTATIVES:

QUOTE. WE ASKED OUR EMBASSY IN PANAMA TO CHECK THIS REPORT. THE EMBASSY INQUIRY INDICATES THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NO INCIDENTS OF THIS NATURE. MORE SPECIFICALLY, NO U.S. PLANE HAS FIRED ON PANAMANIAN TROOPS IN THE CANAL ZONE OR ELSEWHERE. THE PANAMANIAN NATIONAL GUARD G-3 OFFICE ON JULY 9 DID ASK OUR MILITARY GROUP AT THE EMBASSY ABOUT

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U.S. AIRCRAFT WHICH WERE PRACTICING LANDING MANEUVERS AT

HOWARD AIR FORCE BASE. AFTER MAKING APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES,  
THE MILITARY GROUP INFORMED THE G-3 THAT SUCH FLIGHTS  
HAD OCCURRED AND WERE PROPERLY REGISTERED WITH THE CIVIL  
AIR AUTHORITIES IN PANAMA. THIS WAS MERELY A ROUTINE

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION BY THE G-3 AND WAS NOT A PROTEST.  
WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED A PROTEST FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY  
OR ANY OTHER BRANCH OF THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT.  
UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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